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NAN AND THE BIRDS



I LOVE MY NAN. We have a lot in common. Both our birthdays are in April, we love eating chocolates and we adore animals.

And we are both getting older. I suppose that's the way things are meant to be, but with Nan it's getting noticeable. She began to walk with a stoop not long after Pop died. These days she puffs a lot and spends a fair bit of her time sitting in her chair.

She still has her dogs, though. They are her pride and joy.

Nan also feeds the birds. I always thought it was Pop who liked the birds because he took so many photos of them. Pop and Nan's back yard was a meeting place for white cockatoos, eastern rosellas, a galah or two and, on very special days, a pair of king parrots. Pop kept a huge bin of parrot seed in his shed for those birds.

Then there were the magpies and the kookaburras. Pop asked Nan to buy meat and other special foods just for them. Since Pop died, Nan has continued the tradition.

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Read *Nan and the Birds* and answer questions 1 to 4.

1 One of the signs that Nan is getting older is that she

- ☐ puffs a lot.
- ☐ feeds the birds.
- ☐ walks around a fair bit.
- ☐ does what Pop used to do.

Shade one bubble.



2 Nan buys meat and special foods for the

- ☐ eastern rosellas.
- ☐ white cockatoos.
- ☐ galahs and king parrots.
- ☐ magpies and kookaburras.

3 Nan's pride and joy are

- ☐ her grandchildren.
- ☐ Pop's photos.
- ☐ her dogs.
- ☐ the birds.

4 What do you think is 'the tradition' that Nan has continued since Pop died?

Write the answer on the lines.



I am a giant,

I am an ant

I am a giant
when I stare at tiny crabs,
in rock pools, at the beach.
Creatures look back.
But when I am at the zoo
what do the elephants and giraffes
think of me?
When I am in a plane
coming in to land at the airport
the people working near the buildings
look just like little ants
running around.
I could carry them home quickly.
They would like that!
What if there were people
living on the moon
looking down at me?
Would they think they could just pick me up
when they see me,
in my backyard
throwing the ball to my dog?

*Sometimes it makes me dizzy
Being so big and yet so small.*

– By Carla

Read *I am a giant, I am an ant* and answer questions 1 to 4.

1 Carla feels like a giant when she is

- ☐ watching animals at the zoo.
- ☐ throwing a ball to her dog.
- ☐ thinking about the moon.
- ☐ looking in rock pools.

Shade one bubble.



2 As her plane is coming in to land, Carla is thinking about

- ☐ how small the people look.
- ☐ picking up the buildings.
- ☐ acting just like an ant.
- ☐ getting home quickly.

3 ‘They would like that!’

Carla is talking about

- ☐ ants.
- ☐ crabs.
- ☐ giants.
- ☐ workers.

4 What is the main idea of Carla’s poem?

- ☐ Animals can make people feel very happy.
- ☐ Feeling big and small can be confusing.
- ☐ It is important to care for other people.
- ☐ Being small is better than being big.